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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 5, 2005, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.